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FOR THE YEAR, 1955.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present the Report on the health of the district for the year 1955.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area—70,818 acres.

Population—11,950.

Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1955, according to the Rate Book—4,022.

Number of Unoccupied Houses—160.

Rateable Value—£69,308.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate—£276. 9s. 10d.

The Area is mainly an agricultural one, although on the coast line many of the inhabitants are employed in sea-faring pursuits.

There is an annual influx of visitors during the holiday season over the whole of the district, to which they are attracted by the favourable climate and the beauty of the surroundings.

The conditions of employment and environs are conducive to health and longevity.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS :

	Total	Males	Females	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.
Legitimate	165	91	74	14.39
Illegitimate	7	2	5	
	<hr/> 172 <hr/>	<hr/> 93 <hr/>	<hr/> 79 <hr/>	

				Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)
STILL BIRTHS :	5	3	2	14.83

				Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.
DEATHS :	140	68	72	11.71

Deaths as recorded under heading 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List :

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.
No. 30 Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	Nil	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	.....	.....	23.25
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			17.44
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			5.81

Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	.....	.....	17.44
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			17.44
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH.

			M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	.....	—	—
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	.....	—	—
3.	Syphilitic Disease	.....	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	.....	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	.....	—	—
6.	Meningococcal Infections	.....	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	.....	—	—
8.	Measles	.....	—	—
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	.....	—	—
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	.....	2	5
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	.....	2	—
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	.....	—	—
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	.....	—	2
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms		8	2
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	.....	—	—
16.	Diabetes	.....	2	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	.....	7	14
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	.....	10	10
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	.....	1	—
20.	Other Heart Disease	.....	10	6
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	.....	4	3
22.	Influenza	.....	—	1
23.	Pneumonia	.....	4	7
24.	Bronchitis	.....	3	2
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	.....	1	3
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	.....	1	—
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	.....	—	2
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	.....	—	—
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	.....	2	—
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	.....	—	—
31.	Congenital Malformations	.....	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	.....	6	9
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	.....	1	—
34.	All other Accidents	.....	1	3
35.	Suicide	.....	2	1
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	.....	—	—
			68	72

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE FOR YEAR 1955

DISEASES	Aveton Gifford	Bigbury	Blackawton	Buckland-tout-Saints	Charleton	Chivelstone	Churchstow	East Allington	East Portlemouth	Kingston	Loddiswell	Malborough	Modbury	Ringmore	Sherford	Slapton	South Huish	South Milton	South Pool	Stoke Fleming	Stokenham	Strete	Thurlestone	West Alvington	Woodleigh	Totals
WHOOPING COUGH	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
SCARLET FEVER	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	8
MEASLES	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	27	—	3	—	—	34
ERYSIPELAS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
POLIOMYELITIS (PARALYTIC)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
" (Non-Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	28	1	3	1	1	49

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY are a Medical Officer of Health (also Medical Officer of Health of Plympton Rural District, Kingsbridge Urban District, Salcombe Urban District, Kingsbridge and Salcombe Port Sanitary Authority, and Medical Officer to the South Devon Water Board).

Deputy Medical Officer of Health (occasional).

One whole-time Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

One whole-time Sanitary Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory Service provides a service at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, for the investigation of communicable disease and the examination of milk, water supplies, ice cream and foodstuffs, etc.

This Laboratory is of great assistance and I am grateful for their willing co-operation at all times.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION are carried out through the general practitioner service or at schools, school clinics and infant welfare centres by the County Council through the County Health Services. Supplies of Diphtheria antigen can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, 45, St. David's Hill, Exeter, and vaccine lymph from the Public Health Laboratory Service, 7 Dix's Field, Exeter.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.—District Nurses and Midwives (Devon County Council). There are seven District Nurses/Midwives working in the area, including one County Staff Sister in charge of the group. Supervision is carried out by the County Nursing Officers. All midwives in the area are qualified to administer analgesics.

MIDWIVES.—The Midwives' Act is administered by the County Council which investigates cases of Maternal Mortality and Puerperal Disease. There are seven practising midwives in the District.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.—There is a centre in Kingsbridge which is open on Wednesday afternoons, except on the first Wednesday in each month.

VENEREAL DISEASES TREATMENT.—At the Venereal Disease Dept., City Hospital, Plymouth. Female in-patients are also sent to St. Mary's Home, Exeter. A refund of rail or bus fare can be made in suitable cases by applying to the Medical Officer of the Centre.

Treatment is also available from a certain number of selected General Medical Practitioners specially approved for the purpose by the Ministry of Health. There is one such practitioner at Modbury and another at Kingsbridge.

OPEN-AIR SCHOOL.—The Devon County Council maintain a residential home for the rehabilitation of delicate and debilitated children at Oaklands Park, Dawlish. There is also an open-air school for delicate children at Torquay.

ORTHOPAEDIC TREATMENT is available through the Devon Orthopaedic Association as In-patients at Exeter and Ivy-bridge ; and for adults at Mount Gold Hospital, Plymouth. For Out-patients there is a clinic at Kingsbridge and the South-West Clinic which deals with this district as well, is held at Hartley House, Mannamead, Plymouth.

X-RAYS. The Regional Hospital Board have apparatus for examinations at their Chest Clinics at Exeter, Torquay, Barnstaple and Plymouth.

THE SOUTH HAMS COTTAGE HOSPITAL provides beds for 16 patients from Kingsbridge and the surrounding districts :

Men's Ward	.....	.....	6 beds
Women's Ward	.....	.....	6 beds
Children's Cots	.....	.....	2
Private Wards	.....	.....	2 (one bed each)

ISOLATION HOSPITAL. Cases of infectious disease are sent to the Scott Isolation Hospital. Patients are removed by the Plymouth Ambulance Service on behalf of the Devon County Council.

AMBULANCE SERVICES. The Ambulance Service throughout Devon is operated in accordance with Section 27 (2) of the National Health Service Act, 1946, through the agency of the Voluntary Organisations. Infectious cases in the Plymouth Infectious Area are carried, by agreement, in the Plymouth Infectious Ambulance.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE. In Kingsbridge there is a Home Help Service operated on behalf of the County Medical Dept. by the W.V.S. Home helps are also made available in other areas on application to the Devon County Council.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1955.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-		Respiratory.		Non-	
			Respiratory.				Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—56 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	—

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

REMOVAL OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

During the course of the year, no action was necessary under the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts for the removal and detention in a County Welfare Establishment for aged persons.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

SCHOOLS. Inspections of the Elementary Schools in the District are carried out by the Sanitary Inspector and by the Medical Officer of Health in cases needing further attention.

During the year 38 notices were received referring to 211 children who were excluded from school because of communicable disease or because they were contacts :—

They were as follows :

Influenza	.....	.....	.....	28
Chickenpox	.....	.....	.....	12
Measles	.....	.....	.....	18
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	.....	25
Mumps	.....	.....	.....	128
				—
				211
				—

WATER SUPPLY.

Water supplies to the various parishes are as follows :—

AVETON GIFFORD. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—19.

BIGBURY. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—16.

BLACKAWTON. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—16.

BUCKLAND-TOUT-SAINTS. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—2.

CHARLETON. New main completed April and old supply replaced by Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—6.

CHIVELSTONE. Moorland Supply. East Prawle—200 yards extension of main carried out. Number of new connections to the main—12.

CHURCHSTOW. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—4.

EAST ALLINGTON. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—7.

EAST PORTLEMOUTH. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—19.

KINGSTON. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—4.

LODDISWELL. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—8.

MALBOROUGH. Moorland Supply. Main from Malborough extended to Galmpton. Number of new connections to the main—9.

MODBURY. Moorland Supply. Main extended from Modbury to Fancy. 3in. main laid to Old Peoples' Houses. Number of new connections to the main—16.

RINGMORE. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—2.

SHERFORD. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—6.

SLAPTON. Moorland Supply. Main completed to council housing site. Number of new connections to the main—13.

SOUTH HUISH, GALMPTON INNER AND OUTER HOPE COVE. Moorland Supply. Main laid as far as Church Hall by end of year. 1,000 yards emergency main laid to reservoir at Weymouth Farm when local supply failed. Number of new connections to the main—6.

SOUTH MILTON. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—4.

SOUTH POOL. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main— 9.

STOKE FLEMING. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—43.

STOKENHAM. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main— 29.

STRETE. Moorland Supply. Relaying of mains in village completed by April. New main to Landscombe completed.

THURLESTONE. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—10.

WEST ALVINGTON. Moorland Supply. Number of new connections to the main—8.

WOODLEIGH. Moorland Supply. Main commenced and reached Higher Hendham by end of year.

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES.

The South Devon Water Board continue to make the Moorland Supply available to farms in the district.

SAMPLING.

During the year, 294 samples of Moorland Water were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The results were as follows :—

Grade 1	.....	.....	274
Grade 2	.....	.....	—
Grade 3	.....	.....	6
Grade 4	.....	.....	14

It should be noted that the majority of samples falling within Grades 3—4 were taken from new mains in the course of sterilization prior to them being brought into supply.

SEWERAGE.

AVETON GIFFORD. The new sewage outfall for this village has been completed. The sewer was extended towards the Council's Housing Estate, the works which dealt separately with the drainage of these houses were by-passed, and the houses linked up with the main sewage system.

BLACKAWTON. In order to obviate the overloading of the sewage outfall works, a new length of sewer has been laid through the main village street, and large quantities of surface water have been eliminated from the main system.

CHARLETON. Approximately fifty yards of cracked and broken pipes have been replaced by new pipes on the 6in. sewer outfall, and the new piping surrounded by concrete to prevent further damage.

CHIVELSTONE—EAST PRAWLE. To effectively treat the effluent from the sewage outfall before being discharged into the stream, a rotary filter, together with filter bed and humus tanks, have been installed.

CHURCHSTOW. A revised scheme for draining the village of Churchstow is in course of preparation.

MALBOROUGH. A new sewage outfall to deal with the sewage from houses on the Northern side of the village and from a nearby camp has been completed. The sewer has also been extended so that seven dwellings which had no drainage facilities could link up with the new sewage system.

SOUTH MILTON. Work on constructing a new sewage outfall for this village is in progress.

STOKENHAM—CHILLINGTON. Schemes for dealing with the sewage from these two villages was the subject of a Ministry Inquiry. A tender has been accepted for dealing with the Stokenham sewage, and work will commence as soon as approval has been given by the Ministry to the accepted tender. The Council's Engineers have been instructed to submit a new scheme to deal with the sewage of Chillington.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Two new public conveniences have been erected, namely : one at Bigbury-on-Sea (privately owned) and one at Outer Hope.

These facilities are of great benefit to the large number of persons who visit these popular seaside resorts.

HOUSING.

PRE-WAR HOUSING. The Council erected 69 dwellings prior to the war in 1939, and their distribution is as follows :—

Parish.	Name of Site.	Number of Houses.
BIGBURY	Park Cottages	4
BLACKAWTON	Park Lane	4
KINGSTON	Park View Terrace	6
LODDISWELL	New Road	6
MALBOROUGH	Moor View	4
MODBURY	Traine Villas	6
SOUTH HUISH (Hope Cove)	Meadow View	4
SOUTH MILTON	Middle Park	6
STOKE FLEMING	Venn	2
STOKE FLEMING	Bailey's Meadow	2
STOKENHAM	Holbrook Terrace	6
STOKENHAM (BEESANDS)	Council Houses	6
STRETE	Severn's Cottages	4
THURLESTONE	Sea View Terrace	9
TOTAL HOUSES		69

POST-WAR HOUSING. Since the war the Council have erected the following new dwellings :

POST-WAR HOUSING.

PARISH	NAME OF SITE	HOUSES		BUNGALOWS			TEMPORARY	TOTAL
		Traditional	New Tradition	Traditional	New Tradition	Bungalows		
AVETON GIFFORD	Icy Park	22	—	5	—	6		33
BIGBURY	Hill Top	—	22 (C.U.)	—	—	—		22
BLACKAWTON	Main Street	2	—	—	—	—		2
	The Grove	9	14 (W)	—	—	—		23
BUCKLAND-TOUT-SAINTS	Goveton	—	4 (C.U.)	—	—	—		4
CHIVELSTONE	Higher Park, East Prawle	16	—	—	—	—		16
CHURCHSTOW	Woodlands	—	12 (8 C.U.) (4 W)	—	—	—		12
EAST ALLINGTON	Laburnum Way	8	—	—	—	—		8
EAST PORTLEMOUTH	Cross Lane Cottages	10	—	—	—	—		10
KINGSTON	Yellands Park	12	8 (C.U.)	—	—	—		20
LODDISWELL	Ashwood Park	30	—	—	—	—		30
	Oakwood Park	—	—	—	—	4		4
	California Cross	4	—	—	—	—		4
MALBOROUGH	Collaton Way	10	—	—	—	—		10
	Jubilee Road	—	18 (C.U.)	—	—	—		18
	Moorside	—	—	—	—	3		3
MODBURY	Champernowne	—	34 (30 C.U.) (4 W)	—	—	—		34
	Traine Villas	6	—	—	—	—		6
	St. George's Close	2	—	—	—	—		2
RINGMORE	Crossways	8	—	—	—	—		8
SHERFORD	Sherford Down	6	—	—	—	—		6
SLAPTON	Green Banks	10	—	—	—	—		10
SOUTH MILTON	Sunnyside	—	8 (S.T.)	—	—	—		8
SOUTH POOL	Creek End	6	—	—	—	—		6
STOKE FLEMING	Bidder's Close	21	—	6	—	—		27
STOKENHAM	Chestnut Park, Beeson	—	14 (W)	—	—	—		14
	Hill Park, Kellaton	8	—	—	—	—		8
	Holbrook Terrace, Stokenham	6	—	—	—	—		6
	Meadowside, Chillington	8	—	—	—	6		14

PARISH	NAME OF SITE	HOUSES		BUNGALOWS		TEMPORARY
		Traditional	New Tradition	Traditional	New Tradition	
STRETE THURLESTONE	Hyne Town	10	—	—	—	10
	Island View	—	—	3	—	10
	Sea View Terrace	—	—	5	—	5
	Parkfield	10	—	—	—	10
WEST ALVINGTON	Valleyside, W. Buckland	6	—	—	—	6
	Longfields	—	12 (C.U.)	—	4 (C.U.)	16
	Townsend Road	8	—	—	—	12
		238	146	19	4	30
						437

C.U.=CORNISH UNIT.
W=WOOLAWAY.
S.T.=SWEDISH TIMBER.

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S.T.=SWEDISH TIMBER.

HOUSING, 1956. HOUSES IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

EAST ALLINGTON	Laburnum Way	10	—	6	—	16
MODBURY	St. George's Close	5	—	3	—	8
SOUTH HUISH	Galmpton	—	12 (C.U.)	—	—	12
STRETE	Hyne Town	7	—	7	—	14
STOKENHAM	Kernborough	4	—	—	—	4
		26	12	16	—	54

Contract awaiting Ministry of Housing and Local Government decision :

STOKE FLEMING	Bidders Close	—	—	6	—	6
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The Council hold or is in the course of purchasing, Sites at Aveton Gifford, Kingston, Loddiswell, Stokenham, Stoke Fleming, and Thurlestone.

Additional housing sites have been surveyed at Churchstow, Malborough, Modbury and South Milton.

REPAIRS.

INFORMAL ACTION.

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts 31

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Number of Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a) by owners 5

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

COMPLAINTS. 19 complaints were received and dealt with, six by formal action, and the remainder by informal action.

DISINFECTIONS. 14 premises were disinfected due to the occurrence of infectious disease and a further six premises were found to be verminous and were fumigated.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS AND CAMPING SITES. 18 inspections were made of various sites in the area. During the year ~~19~~ applications were received, nine applications related to individual caravans, eleven applications related to land used for camping purposes.

Most of the camping in the district is centred in four different areas, namely :

Challaborough—Three licensed sites—one for 300 caravans, one for 150 caravans, and one for 100 caravans.

Pennymore Lane—one licensed site for 40 moveable dwellings.

Beesands Green—one licensed site for 100 caravans.

Stoke Fleming—one licensed site for 60 caravans.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS.

REGISTERED PREMISES. A further three properties were registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1948, for the sale of ice-cream. The total number of premises now registered for this purpose is 42.

Twenty-four samples of ice-cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination and were graded as follows :

Grade 1	.....	13
Grade 2	.....	3
Grade 3	.....	4
Grade 4	.....	4
Total		24

There are two dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

INSPECTIONS. 82 inspections were made of shops, ice cream vendors, bakehouses, butchers' shops, dairies and other premises in the area.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are six properties licensed as slaughterhouses, two of which are used by wholesalers and four by private butchers.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Meat inspection duties take up a considerable amount of time of the Inspector engaged in this work.

For the period ended 31st December, 1955, the following work was carried out :

No. of visits to slaughterhouses—797.

Mileage travelled in connection with this work—9,967.

Time spent on meat inspection duties—807 hours.

Carcases inspected : Bulls, 1 ; Cows, 338 ; Bullocks and Heifers 625 ; Calves, 304 ; Pigs, 1847 ; Sheep and Lambs, 4,845, making a total of 7960 carcasses.

The amount of meat condemned was 9 tons 8 cwts. 2 qrs. and 12 lbs.

Arrangements have been made for diseased meat to be disposed of to firms with sterilizing plant.

I am grateful to the Salcombe and Kingsbridge Urban District Councils for their assistance in this work when the Council's Inspector is away.

APPENDIX

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	626	341	304	4845	1847	—
Number inspected	626	341	304	4845	1847	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercii :						
Whole carcasses condemned	5	5	8	20	2	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	179	166	2	369	70	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercii	29.39	50.11	3.28	8.03	3.36	

Appendix continued

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses con- demned	Nil	5	Nil	Nil	1	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	20	57	Nil	Nil	91	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	3.19	18.18	Nil	Nil	4.98	
Cysticercosis :						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by re- frigeration	4	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	—	—	—	—	—

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Periodical visits are made to various shops in the district, and the amount of unsound food condemned during the year was as follows :

	lbs.
Meat (imported and canned)	19 lbs.
Other foods	38 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Total	2qrs. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

Premises.	No. in Register.	Inspections.	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority	27	10	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	32	13	1	—

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council provided free treatment for private properties and particular attention was paid to Council property, *e.g.* refuse tips and sewage works, etc.

TYPE OF PROPERTY

	NON-AGRICULTURAL			AGRICULTURAL	
	Local Author'y.	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses).	All other (inc. Business Premises).	Total of cols. (1), (2) and (3).	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	28	4013	393	4434	745
2. Number of properties in- spected as a result of :					
(a) Notification	—	121	9	130	14
(b) Survey under the Act	—	638	35	673	318
(c) Otherwise (<i>e.g.</i> when visited primarily for some other purpose	—	21	11	32	—
3. Total inspections carried out—including re-inspec- tions	380	1743	213	2336	425
4. Number of properties in- spected (in Sect. 2) which were found to be infested by :					
(a) Rats—Major	2	—	—	2	—
Minor	24	687	10	721	8
(b) Mice—Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	83	2	85	2
5. Number of infected pro- perties (in Sect. 4) treated by the L.A.	26	770	12	808	10
6. Total treatments carried out—including retreat- ments	34	830	16	880	13
7. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :					
(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Structural Work (<i>i.e.</i> Proofing)	—	—	—	—	—
8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—
9. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
10. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	—	115	—	—	—

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The Council provide a fortnightly collection of incombustible household refuse throughout the district. This is disposed of in five refuse tips within the area.

Some difficulty is experienced in maintaining a fortnightly collection of refuse, due to the increased demand for this service and the limited capacity of the existing vehicle. Delivery was taken of a new Karrier Dual Tip Refuse Collector during the year, and this helped to maintain the service during the peak periods.

The Council is still actively engaged in the collection of salvage throughout the district, and a special collection is made for this purpose.

During the year ended March 31st, 1956, the following items were collected and sold :

Paper, 145 tons ; Rags, etc., 5 tons ; Non-Ferrous Metals, 4 tons ; Iron, $15\frac{1}{4}$ tons ; Glass, 1 ton ; Bones, 19 cwts. ; and Rubber Tubes, 3 cwts., making a total of 171 tons 7 cwts.

Regular inspections are made of all tips especially with regard to rodent and insect control.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. B. WALKER,

August, 1956.

Medical Officer of Health.

